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PRESS RELEASE

Colm F. Connolly, the United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, announced that Scott Spinella, a thirty-nine year old painting contractor from Camden, Delaware, today pleaded guilty in United States District Court in Wilmington, Delaware to filing a false tax return. In pleading guilty, Spinella admitted that he failed to pay taxes on a total of \$123,662 of income he received in the years 1998 through 2001. When interviewed during the course of the investigation, the defendant admitted that he filed false individual income tax returns because he wanted to receive tax-free income. He said he falsified deductions on his 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 tax returns in order to accomplish that goal.

As part of his guilty plea, Spinella, who already has filed amended returns for the years in question, agreed to pay all taxes and penalties owed to the Internal Revenue Service. Spinella faces a maximum sentence of three years imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations Division. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Beth Moskow-Schnoll.